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INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINT, SF  
SUBJ: NATAL OUTCRY OVER REPORTED "TROIKA" PROVINCIAL  
GOVERNMENT SYSTEM

1. SUMMARY: NATAL PROVINCIAL POLITICANS AND NEWSPAPERS HAVE  
RAISED AN OUTCRY OVER REPORTED RAMIFICATION IN THE SAG'S NEW  
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD INSTALL SEPARATE WHITE,  
INDIAN AND COLORED ADMINISTRATORS IN PLACE OF THE PRESENT  
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 22, FRANK MARTIN, HEAD OF THE NATAL EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE, ANNOUNCED IN THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY THAT ON A  
TRIP TO CAPE TOWN HE HAD JUST LEARNED THE SAG PLANNED TO IN-  
STALL THREE ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPPORTING BUREAUCRATIC  
STRUCTURES TO LOOK AFTER THE RESPECTIVE WHITE, INDIAN AND  
COLORED GROUP AREAS. CHALLENGED BY A NATIONAL PARTY MPC  
(R. VILJOEN) WHO INTERJECTED "I KNOW ABOUT IT, BUT WHO TOLD  
YOU?" MARTIN SAID HIS INFORMANT MUST REMAIN ANONYMOUS. MARTIN,  
AND SUBSEQUENTLY NEW REPUBLIC PARTY NATAL LEADER SENATOR  
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WARWICK WEBBER, DEMANDED THAT PRIME MINISTER VORSTER MAKE  
AN AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT ON SAG INTENTIONS.

3. MARTIN'S "REVELATION" PRODUCED AN OUTCRY BY NATAL  
POLITICIANS AND NEWSPAPERS. AT THE CENTER OF CRITICISM WAS  
(A) THAT THE RESULTANT MULTIPLICITY OF BUREAUCRACIES WOULD  
CAUSE CONFUSION AND EXHORBITANT EXPENSE WHICH S.A. COULD

ILL AFFORD, AND (B) THAT THE PROPOSALS WERE BEING DEVELOPED WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THOSE AFFECTED. (ONLY THE COLORED REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND S.A. INDIAN COUNCIL - SO FAR AS POST KNOWS - HAVE BEEN CONSULTED BY SAG ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS.) THE NRP POSITION WAS BUTTRESSED BY A STATEMENT BY PROGFED NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, MP RAY SWART, WHO TERMED THE PROPOSAL AN SAG ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM REALITY THAT "WE ARE A MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY, ESPECIALLY IN NATAL, AND THAT WE SHOULD BE SHARING POWER ON A REALISTIC BASIS."  
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